(b) While launching the Rohini Residential Scheme, 1981, it was announced by Delhi Development Authority that the allotment of the plots will be made to the eligible registrants in phases spread over a period of 5 years. The slow development was primarily occasioned by problems encountered in planning and execution of Scheme relating to water and power supply and sewage disposal.

(c) Depending upon the availability of land and water and power supply and sewage disposal, Delhi Development Authority hopes to provide land/plots to the remaining registrants in a phased manner within a period of 5 years.

Engaging of Cold Storage in Bombay by NCCF for Storing Dry Dates

1195. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL U:SPLIES be pleased to stateP

(a) whether the then Regional Manager (West) Bombay engaged cold storages situated at far away places from Bombay at very incompetitive rates without inviting any tenders and without the approval of the competent authorities during 1985 for storing over 2,000 MTs of Dry Dates imported from Iran ;

(b) whether the said Manager also engaged Transport Companies without inviting tenders and without the approval of the competent authority for carrying these Dry-Dates to the above mentioned far away cold storages; and

(c) if so, what were the rates settled with each of the cold storages and the transport companies ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) NCCF have reported that its Bombay Branch had issued advertisements in 'Times of India' Bombay Edition dated 11-5-85 to which there was no response.

No cold storage space being available in and around Bombay at that time the NCCF Bombay Branch engaged cold storages at Lonavala, Nasik and Manchar with the approval of the Head Office.

(b) The NCCF have reported that quotations were obtained by contacting different transporters in view of the short time available before the onset of monsoon and work was awarded to the parties which quoted the lowest rates.

(c) The rates settled with the cold storages and the transport companies are as under :—

COLD STORAGES :

Lonawala	Rs. 3.75 per bag per month.
Nasik	Rs. 3.50 per bag per month.
Manchar	Rs. 3.25 per bag per month.

TRANSPORT COMPANIES :

Lonawala	Sunil Transport Co. Rs. 850/- per truck.
Nasik	Jagruti Transport Co. Rs. 80/- per MT.
Manchar	Prabhat Transport Co. Rs. 88/- per MT.

Loss to NCCF on Rejection of Rice by Foreign Buyers

1196. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question No. 1893 given in Rajya Sabha on 10th March, 1989 and state :

(a) whether the then acting CAF of NCCF had shown about Rs. 165 lakhs in claim received in the accounts of 1981-82 even while the insurance claim was rejected;

(b) whether no counter provision was kept in the accounts deviating from accounting standards;

(c) whether in sbsequent years NCCF had paid huge income tax without any actual income due to this misleading entry; if so, how much;

(d) whether these misleading accounts ultimately resulted in losses of crores of rupees to NCCF and were placed in the Board meeting at Patna on 19-3-1983 and even then the said officiating Controller of Accounts andFinance was promoted to the regular post of CAF; and

(e) the remedial measures taken and proposed to be taken ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) NCCF have reported that the amount of Rs. 164.93 lakhs was accounted for in its Trading Account for the year 1981-82 after filing a recovery suit against the Insurance Company in the High Court of Delhi.

(b) As per the accounting procedure followed by the NCCF, no counter provision on account of such claims was required to be made. The Insurance Company is liable to pay the amount.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The accounting entry was passed in accordance with the accouning policy of NCCF which did not suffer any loss thereby. The audited accounts of NCCF for the year 1981-82, were approved by the Board of Directors in its meeting held on 19-3-83.

(e) Does not arise in view of reply to (d) above.

1197. [*Transferred to the 4th May*, 1989].

Officers Involved in Irregularities in Distribution of Sugar by NCCF, Lucknow

1198. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to replies given to Starred Question No. 249, Unstarred Question No. 736 and Unstarred Question 267 given in Rajya Sabha on 2nd December, 1988 and state:

(a) what is the outcome of the investigations by the Police at Delhi and Lucknow against the cases registered against NCCF employees involved into the bungling in the distribution and causing shortage in the stocks etc.; and

(b) what disciplinary/departmental action Government have taken against the concerned NCCF employees giving the names of the employees and the action taken against each one of them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) NCCF have reported that the UP Police has since completed investigation into the case of distribution of sugar at Lucknow and are to file a criminal case against one Field Officer who was incharge of Lucknow depot. The Delhi Police did not register any criminal case against the employees of NCCF involved in the distribution of sugar in Delhi on the grounds that since the loss had been recovered from the employees, no criminal action could be taken.

(b) NCCF have reported that the full amount of loss in the distribution of sugar by the Delhi branch had been recovered from the employees concerned, besides imposition of minor penalties on them. The names of the employees concerned and the action taken against them are at Annexure [*See* Appendix CL, Annexure No. 59].